

Introduced by Senator TorlaksonFebruary 12, 2003

An act to add Title 7.15 (commencing with Section 66541) to the Government Code, relating to regional infrastructure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 170, as introduced, Torlakson. San Francisco Bay Area Infrastructure Planning.

Existing law establishes regional planning entities such as the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that cities, counties, and regional agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area begin a constructive dialogue about regional infrastructure issues.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 7.15 (commencing with Section 66541) is
2 added to the Government Code, to read:

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4 TITLE 7.15. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
5 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

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7 66541. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
8 following:



1 (a) The San Francisco Bay Area encompasses nine counties
2 and 101 incorporated cities, with a total regional population in
3 2002 of nearly 7 million people.

4 (b) This population is expected to exceed 8 million people by
5 2020.

6 (c) This growth will increase burdens on regional
7 infrastructure including the transportation network, education
8 system, affordable housing availability, economic development,
9 air and water quality, and preservation of open space and
10 agricultural land.

11 (d) The Governor's Commission on Building for the 21st
12 Century encouraged the state to develop regional strategies to
13 ensure that local, regional and statewide entities collaborate on
14 problem solving and integrate disparate planning efforts.

15 (e) The Speaker's Commission on Regionalism in January
16 2002, encouraged "collaborative regional planning across local
17 jurisdictions and across fields of interest."

18 (f) That commission reported that short-term, fragmented, or
19 narrowly focused local planning has resulted in inconsistent,
20 sometimes conflicting regional systems, so that jobs and housing
21 are increasingly located at great distances from each other, and not
22 linked to transit options, resulting in longer commutes and
23 shopping trips, and lost family time.

24 (g) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this
25 title that cities, counties, and regional agencies in the San
26 Francisco Bay Area begin a constructive dialogue about
27 addressing these issues through collaboration, coordination, and
28 consensus.

